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TRACK ELEVATION.

A QUESTION OF PUBLIC POLICY INVOLVED IN THE WORK.

Is the Attitude of "Not One Cent for Track Elevation" a Reasonable One?—Some Features of the Work that Are of Mutual Advantage to the Town and Railroad Company.—A Correspondent's View of the Matter.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: It has been publicly stated that the Lackawanna Railroad Company has notified the Town Council that it is ready to begin the work of track elevation in this town, and that the company is looking for some financial assistance from the town in defraying the cost of the work. Some citizens immediately gave vent to their indignation over the mere suggestion of public funds being contributed towards the cost of a piece of work that it is contended is solely for the benefit of the railroad company, and it is also said that certain of the Councilmen have openly declared themselves in sympathy with the policy of "not one cent of public money for track elevation." Perhaps it would be wise if those people who are working themselves into a state of indignation, and those members of the Council who are making hasty declarations of their position, go a little slow in the matter.

The Lackawanna Railroad, it is well understood, is able to carry out plans for track elevation throughout the town without any financial assistance from the public treasury, but in doing so the company would of course consider its own requirements and keep strictly within the limits of such. There must be some reason for the company's request that the town become a partner in defraying the cost of the work proposed. Of course the abolition of dangerous grade crossings is secured by track elevation, and that is a matter of general benefit, but the railroad company itself is the greatest beneficiary in that particular feature of the work, and the town could not or ought not to be expected to contribute to the cost simply for that purpose alone. The most likely reason for the railroad company's desire that the town pay part of the cost is that there is much work planned that is not of a character actually essential to track elevation, but relates to the station facilities and the access to the station. Is that feature of the work the company may contemplate a plan of work and an expenditure of money much in excess of real utilitarian purposes, and of a nature to confer a general benefit to the town. In other words, a certain sum of money will carry out the work of track elevation in a manner to meet all the company's requirements. The company proposes, if the town will concur and co-operate, to spend a much larger sum than actual requirements call for, and this extra expense goes into aesthetic features of the work, and which are of mutual benefit and advantage to the municipality and the railroad company. It is this part of the work that deserves thoughtful consideration on the part of the Councilmen, and if any effort is made to ascertain to any extent public sentiment on this phase of the track elevation question, not a few citizens will be found who will be disposed to favor financial co-operation with the railroad company, if it is going to prove the means of superior station facilities, attractive station surroundings, and fine approaches to the station. To those people who are declaiming on the side of "not one cent for track elevation," the railroad company can respond in an equally stubborn and narrow attitude of "not one cent for extra work." In some respects the town has something to gain as well as the railroad company in the proper settlement and carrying through of the track elevation work, and the question should be viewed from a reasonable standpoint. There is not a great amount of money involved in the mere work of track elevation here, but the fact that the tracks traverse the business part of the town warrants a considerable outlay in extra work that will tend to make track elevation appear as an improvement to the general conditions, and not a further detriment. If the business is properly managed there is no reason why the town ought not to reap a great general benefit from every dollar of public money contributed towards the work of railroad improvements in and around the Glenwood avenue station.

In the city of Orange the Lackawanna Company is ready to begin work of elevating tracks throughout that city. Some of the officials there and many of the people have been profuse in suggesting elaborate plans for carrying out the work, but the whole matter is tied up on account of the prevailing policy of those holding to the narrow policy of

Dressmaker.
Mrs. J. P. Gustavson of New York; latest French styles; moderate prices. 24 Baldwin Place, near Newark Avenue.—Adv.

Sermon to Grand Army Men.

The members of William S. Pierson Post, Grand Army of the Republic, under command of Post Commander Sammie, attended service in the Westminster Presbyterian Church Sunday evening. There was a large congregation present and the Rev. George A. Paull preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion. Mr. Paull spoke in part as follows:

He chose his text from Psalm lxxviii., 28, "Thy God hath commanded thy strength. Strengthen, O God, that which Thou hast wrought for us." He said in part:

"The psalm in which this verse is found is one of triumph and jubilation. It has been well called a patriotic and religious ode of wondrous 'rings' and compass. Composed by the great King David, it is not limited to any of his own victories; but celebrates God's praise in all the varied history of Israel, at Sinai and in the wilderness, in the conquest of Canaan and the establishment of Israel, God's hand in the upbuilding and strengthening of his chosen people was most manifest.

"But other nations and people have found no less cause to praise God for the course of their histories, and this old song of triumph has often been adapted and used by others. It was a favorite psalm with the Huguenots, who called it 'The Song of Battles.' It was chanted by Savonarola and his brother monks as they marched to the trial of fire in the Piazza of Florence.

"Dull indeed must be that mind that cannot read God's praise in the pages of history. 'Through the ages one increasing purpose runs.' It is manifest in later times, as well as in earlier, in Western lands as well as Eastern. If there be such a thing as a 'manifest destiny' (and we believe there is), then it may be said of America, as it was said of Israel, 'Thy God hath commanded thy strength.'

"It would be interesting to read that commandment in the providential history of the United States. We might run over the history, as David turned the pages of Israel, and find themes for praise in the discovery of this continent, in the strange story of its settlement, in the wonderful history of its growth, in the acquisition of territory, unthought and undesired, upon which the sun never sets. But we need not go so far afield nor sweep so great a term of years. We may confine ourselves to the history suggested by Memorial Day and find on that page the words of our text written large. 'Thy God hath commanded thy strength.' Memorial Day will never be forgotten, and never cease to be celebrated. It means too much in history. Though the time should come when the graves of individual soldiers are levelled to the ground and generations arise that know not Joseph, still Memorial Day will observe itself and come forever and forever. The struggle and the victory that it recalls can never be forgotten.

"At the dedication of New Jersey's monument at Antietam last September President Roosevelt spoke of the immediate result of that great battle and of the New Jersey soldiers' part in it. He said: 'This battle was of decisive and even momentous importance, for when it had ended and Lee had retreated south of the Potomac, Lincoln forthwith published that immortal paper, the preliminary declaration of emancipation, the paper which decided that the civil war, besides being a war for the preservation of the Union should be a war for the emancipation of the slave; so that from that time onward the causes of union and of freedom, of national greatness and individual liberty, were one and the same.' But the President did not fail to set forth also the wider issues of the whole war, when he said: 'You men of the Grand Army by your victory not only rendered all Americans your debtors forever, but you rendered all humanity your debtors. If the Union had been dissolved, if the great edifice built with blood and tears by mighty Washington and his compeers had gone down in wreck and ruin, the result would have been an incalculable calamity, not only for our people, but for all mankind. The great American republic would have become a memory of derision, and the failure of the experiment of self-government by a great people on a great scale would have delighted the heart of every foe of republican institutions. Our country, now so great and wonderful, would have been split into little jangling rival nationalities, each with a history both bloody and contemptible. I confidently predict that when the final judgment of history is recorded it will be said that in no other war of which we have written record was it more vitally essential for the welfare of mankind that the vic-

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THE LOCKOUT.

No Change in the Situation in the Building Trades—Both Sides to the Controversy Standing Firm—The Employees' Side of the Case Set Forth in a Circular.

Up to yesterday it was stated that no change had taken place in the labor troubles in which the Master Builders' Association and their employers are involved. Both sides are standing firmly to the position assumed on Tuesday, May 24, when the lockout was precipitated, and there are no indications of yielding on either side. The Building Trades Conference Board, composed of employees of members of the Master Builders' Association, has issued the following circular setting forth the men's side of the case:

"TO THE PUBLIC OF MONTCLAIR AND VICINITY:

"There is an impression prevalent in this vicinity that all the trades represented among the building trades are out on strike. This impression is entirely erroneous, as all the men are LOCKED OUT—which is something different.

"A STRIKE is when the men refuse to work for some man or men who employ them, with the object of getting some grievance settled by depriving their employers of workmen.

"A LOCKOUT is when the employer refuses to let his men work, in order to compel his men to do something distasteful or repugnant to them.

"As to the cause of this lockout: The master masons wish to compel the laborers (who were paid last year at the rate of 35 cents per hour) to accept work at 30 cents per hour. Failing to compel the laborers to accept this reduction, the master masons called in the Master Builders' Association of this vicinity, to get their aid. The Masters' Association demanded that the journeymen outside the laborers' organization compel the laborers to go to work at 30 cents per hour, giving an ultimatum that if this were not done, they (the master builders) would declare a lockout of all the building trades.

"On the refusal of the journeymen to do this, the Masters' Association informed the Conference Board of the journeymen that they must settle this matter by Monday, May 23, or there would be a general lockout of all the building trades.

"A meeting was held of the two conference boards on Saturday, May 21, to try and settle this affair. The meeting ended with appointing a committee of twelve to settle the trouble, with the understanding that the committee would first try to settle the matter among themselves, and, failing to reach a settlement, to appoint a master builder or a mechanic to act as referee. Failing to get one or the other to accept, then, and only then, they were to appoint a public man to act as referee.

"No motion to settle the difficulty was entertained by the chairman (who, by the way, was one of the master builders) to either let the laborers go to work at 35c. per hour or at 30c. per hour. Neither would he entertain any effort to get an employer or a mechanic to act as referee, but would accept only a public man to act.

"On the mechanics' committee, finding the master builders would not work in the line of the motion stated above, thus breaking their word, the meeting ended. Consequently the workmen's conference repudiated the action of the committee, and the lockout was instituted.

"The various employers object very strongly to sympathetic strikes when the men are concerned, yet they adopt the same tactics which they so condemn, and go further in that they have compelled the lumber and masons' supply dealers to close their yards, a thing which no combination of laboring men would ever think of doing. They realize that such action would lose them the sympathy of the public, which they need.

"It has come to our notice that many people needing work done have applied to the various master builders for men, and have been informed that 'we are sorry, but we are totally unable to supply any men, as the men are all on strike since last Tuesday, May 24.'

"Now, citizens, the men are ready to go to work at any time, but how can you expect them to work if no one will hire them?

"You can readily see that the masters are refusing to let the men work, and yet are afraid to tell their patrons that the trouble is the result of their own action, and for this reason the facts are entirely misunderstood by their customers.

"THE BUILDING TRADES CONFERENCE BOARD OF MONTCLAIR AND VICINITY.

W. C. T. U.

The next meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held in their hall on Washington street Tuesday afternoon, June 7, at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Wood is expected to speak on the Temperance Crusade, giving some of her own experience. As this will mark the twentieth anniversary of the Union, we invite all persons interested to attend.

BASE-BALL.

Games Scheduled for this Afternoon. The Bloomfield F. C. will play the Forrester's Team—The Watsons will give the Berkeleys a chance to prove the assertions of the latter club's backers—Result of Games Played Last Week.

Last Saturday afternoon the Bloomfield Field Club was defeated by the Washington A. A. of Newark, by a score of 12 to 6. The home team had the game their own way up to the sixth inning, the score at that time being 5 to 2 in Bloomfield's favor, but in that inning wild throws and the dropping of a high infield hit with the bases full, allowed the visitors to score seven runs. Morris, the Washington's star pitcher, then held the home team down throughout the rest of the game, while the visitors added four more runs by bunching their hits when they were most needed.

The Field Club has the same club scheduled for July 4th, on the home grounds, and should draw a large crowd as a good game will be offered, and Bloomfielders will endeavor to turn the tables at that time.

This afternoon, the Forrester's, with the aid of a new crack pitcher, will try to walk away with the game with the Field Club on the Williamson avenue grounds, they not accepting their defeat two weeks ago as decisive. It will in all probability be a hot contest.

On Saturday, June 11, the Field Club will offer as an attraction the undefeated Celluloid Club team of Newark, who defeated Irvington two weeks ago in a close game. The home team will oppose them on that day with a very strong line-up, with Waterfield, the new pitcher, in the box to do the trick. He will also do the twirling this afternoon and throughout the season. Games are arranged also with the Puritan A. C., Bay View Wheelmen, Essex A. C., and teams of like standing, so our townsmen are assured of some interesting sport in the base-ball line during the coming season. Game this afternoon at 3.30.

The Montclair Athletic Club failed to appear on the Arlington avenue grounds last Saturday afternoon to play the game scheduled with the Watsons Club, and the large crowd assembled to see the game was disappointed, and angrily denounced the Montclair Club. No notice of any cancellation of the game was sent by the Montclair, and that club's treatment of the Watsons Club was disconcerting in the extreme. The Watsons are scheduled to play in Montclair on July 4th, but in all probability the game will be cancelled, as several of the Watsons players have refused to go to Montclair on account of the shabby treatment the Montclair have given the Watsons Club. A game was played Saturday afternoon with a team representing the Montclair Club, and the Watsons won easily by a score of 8 to 1.

The Morocco Base-ball Club of New York city made its annual visit here Memorial Day and was defeated by the Watsons Club by a score of 11 to 4. The Moroccos did not appear to be in good form and did not put up their usual spirited game. The Watsons, on the other hand played a fine game, and their heavy batting was a feature of the contest. The score was as follows:

Watsons.....	300020340-11	15	1
Morocco.....	003021010-4	10	5
Batteries—	Dunning and Burdette; Mandy and Brown.		

The Bloomfield High School team shut out the Westfield High School team Monday morning on the Glen Ridge outing grounds. The score was as follows:

Bloomfield H. S.....	342000002-11	15	0
Westfield H. S.....	000000000-0	3	8
Batteries—	J. Adams and Ackerman; Artieb and Miller.		

The Watchung A. C. of Orange defeated the Watsons F. C. Monday morning at West Orange 11 to 6. The score:

Watchung A. C.....	111104080-11	15	6
Watsons F. C.....	003021010-4	10	5
Batteries—	Reeves and Crane; Coull and Freitag.		

The National A. A. defeated the National Stars on the Mechanic street grounds Monday morning by a score of 6 to 3. The line-up was as follows:

N. A. A.	catcher	G. Hunt	
Daily	pitcher	Bunt	
Johnson	first base	E. Shaw	
Hanley	second base	Hewitt	
Reynolds	third base	F. Shaw	
McNally	short stop	Naracki	
Tackie	left field	A. Stout	
Spalding	center field	J. Shaw	
Finerty	right field	Schoeland	
Umpire—	Mr. Blaney of N. S. Time—1 hour 40 minutes.		

The National A. A. would like to receive challenges from all 15 to 16 year old teams. Challenges should be sent to George Reynolds, Race street.

About four years ago some youths of from eighteen to twenty years of age formed a base-ball club and named it the Berkeley Athletic Club. Some of the players are from the southern end of the town, and others from the Silver Lake and North Rossville districts. The boys are all good base-ball players, and among clubs of its class the Berkeley Base-ball

Club ranks high. The enthusiastic Berkeley rooters, elated with the success which has attended their favorite club this season, have boldly asserted that the Berkeleys can defeat the Watsons Club, and the Watsons have accorded them a chance to try. The game will be played on the Arlington avenue grounds this afternoon, and the visiting club will be accompanied by a large, enthusiastic and interesting crowd, and lively times are expected.

Drove Into a Pond.
A horse and carriage containing two young men and two young women was driven over the embankment of the pond near the Nuova Butter Company's factory Monday night. All escaped without injury.

The young people, who said they lived in Montclair, were driving toward this town. The electric lights were out along the streets on account of the storm and it was very dark. There is a sharp bend at this point and instead of keeping to the street the horse turned off and was over the embankment before the driver could pull up.

The water in the pond had been drawn off a few days ago and this fact saved the occupants from a ducking. As it was, none of them was thrown out. The carriage was tilted in a perilous position and the horse was caught fast in the mud and slime.

Four young men who were nearby were attracted to the scene by the screams of the women. They succeeded in rescuing them from their position and getting the horse and carriage back on the street.

Mountainside Hospital.

The subscribers to the Mountainside Hospital for May were: A friend, T. H. Albino, Mrs. R. Bromley, James W. Baldwin, Wm. A. Baldwin, Edward W. Baldwin, Consolidated Safety Pin Co., Miss J. D. Davis, Frenschel Bros., Benjamin Haskell, Mrs. Samuel Garner, C. H. Grosbong, Mrs. A. Hookstahl, Mrs. F. Hookstahl, Haliman Bros., Mrs. Fred Langstroth, Arthur Lenthauer, John Metz, Wm. Sugermann, Phoenix Hose Company, Mr. and Mrs. L. Sherwood, Mrs. Wm. Wyman, Dr. E. M. Ward, Miss Fanny Ward.

New Pastor Installed.

Rev. A. Sterling Barker, the new pastor of the Prospect Street Baptist Church, East Orange, who began his ministry there May 1, was formally installed Tuesday night. A large congregation was present, and the church platform was decorated with palms and spring flowers. The speaker of the occasion was Rev. Dr. Kerr Boyce Tupper, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia, who delivered the sermon.

A Surprise Party.

A surprise party was given to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Scott on Garden avenue, Belleville, on Saturday night by about thirty young people from this town, Newark, Nutley and Belleville, who met at the residence of Miss Lillian Coeyman. Miss Katharine Pole of Belleville won the first of the women's prizes at the whist games; Miss Edith Kid of Newark second, and Miss Sarah Mase of Belleville third. The men's prizes went to Mr. Scott, Clifford Coeyman of Newark, and Harry Bennington of Belleville.

Rings Stolen.

Henry Adler of Washington street reported to the police Monday afternoon that a sneak thief had entered his home and stolen two diamond rings and an opal ring belonging to his wife. Two other rings in the same place were left untouched by the thief. Mrs. Adler was on the second floor of the house when the burglary was committed, and did not miss the articles until some time after the robbery. The rings stolen were valued at \$100.

Auger Man Caught.

Harry Le Roy Sherman, a thief known as the "auger man," on account of his method of getting into houses by using an auger, was arrested in Paterson on Saturday night, and is now in jail awaiting trial. Sherman is thought to be the thief who perpetrated numerous burglaries in this town, Glen Ridge and Montclair, and where in each case entrance was gained by the use of an auger.

Complained Against Boys.

Complaint has been made to the Police Department about boys on Glenwood avenue, between Second street and Madison avenue, who are charged with throwing stones at passing trolley cars and other vehicles. On Sunday night an Italian boy, riding in a baker's wagon, was struck with a stone and painfully injured.

Police Stocked with Peanuts.
A Greek peanut peddler was arrested by Officer Blum on Sunday for vending his wares on that day in violation of the terms of his license. The Greek left his push-cart and stock of peanuts with the police, while he went in search of money to pay his fine of five dollars.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE.

HELD IN JARVIS MEMORIAL HALL, EAST GRAND ARMY MEN.

Patriotic Songs, Speeches and Decorations—A Pleading Entertainment Given by School Children—Eloquent Address by the Rev. Dr. Tupper of Philadelphia.

In the Jarvis Memorial Hall Monday night, interesting Memorial Day exercises were held by William S. Pierson Post, G. A. R. The hall was decorated with the Stars and Stripes. On the platform were Rev. Dr. Kerr Boyce Tupper of Philadelphia, orator of the occasion; Commander George Sammie of William S. Pierson Post, Rev. A. Sterling Barker of East Orange, Rev. Dr. C. S. Woodruff, and Rev. George A. Paull, who made the opening prayer. He was followed by Frederick Tydemans of the High School, who recited "The Battle of Gettysburg." Twelve little girls from the Berkeley School gave a pretty flag drill which was greeted with applause. A chorus from the High School rendered a number of selections under the leadership of Professor Smith. Dr. Tupper was then introduced. He said in part:

"Well may we glory this day in our national heritage. Well may we decorate with gratitude and honor the graves of our fallen heroes of a century ago. Well may we do honor to the flag, which with its mingled red, white and blue waves in star-like splendor, symbol of law and liberty, fraternity and peace.

"What a land this is as the legacy of our heroes. Here no king, no subject, no master, no slave; no proud autocracy, no possible monarchy, no union of church and State. A land it is of priceless personal liberty, exalted social prerogatives, universal political equality, absolute joyous religious freedom. Professor Boyce speaks of our institutions as those toward which the whole world moves forward with unrelenting feet.

"What are some of the glories of our country? First, our widely diffused popular intelligence, everywhere public schools, public libraries, general mental training. In our schools to-day are no fewer than 17,000,000 youth. Again, there is the moral elevation among us which is not generally recognized. Once the lottery; not now. Once dueling; not now. Once slavery; not now. We to-day shrink from things at which our fathers looked with almost indifference. More, there is a prominent movement toward political purification. True, there is much to-day of political corruption, but there was never a time when more true men stood ready to unite hands for the assistance of right and the resistance of wrong. More still, there is a growing unity and solidarity in our nation. This is largely the result of the Spanish-American war, where Miles and Lee, Dewey and Hobson, Gridley and Bagley stood shoulder to shoulder in defence of a common country's cause. More and more we are joining hand and heart to make this a land of fraternity, freedom and liberty."

Montclair's Appropriations.

The Montclair Town Council, after an executive session of nearly two hours on Tuesday night, fixed the appropriations for the year and increased the department expenses \$28,689.63. The amounts decided upon were as follows: Street lighting, \$19,000; police, \$19,000; fire, \$21,000; roads, \$25,000; poor, \$4,000; water, \$13,000; interest on debt, \$29,582.50; incidentals, \$35,000; schools, \$80,398. The budget last year amounted to \$218,689.63, and this year it is \$247,622.54. In explaining why more money was needed, Clerk Trippett said that the growth of the town warranted the additional sum.

Killed by Shock.

A horse, the property of the People's Ice Company, and driven by Thomas O'Rourke and James Butler, was shocked to death at Main and Paterson streets, Orange, Tuesday morning in a peculiar manner. O'Rourke was slightly shocked, but received no serious injury. The electrical storm which started Monday stripped the insulation off a feed wire connection on one of the iron poles, and the horse leaped against the pole, which was fully charged, and dropped dead. The ground around the pole was also flooded with electricity and made an excellent circuit. The pole and another on Ellery street were later repaired.

Silver Wedding Anniversary.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Madison, in Willow street, last Saturday night, there was a merry gathering of friends and relatives of the couple, who assembled to celebrate their silver wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Madison received many handsome presents. Dancing, games and other amusements were indulged in until midnight, when a collation was served. Guests were present from Manhattan, Poughkeepsie, Orange, Newark and Montclair.